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Introduction

This volume contains a description and analysis of the semi-official medals and decorations issued within the Austrian and later Austro-Hungarian Empire other than those made for the collector trade or for commercial purposes. This will include medals issued by entities other than the central Austrian or Austro-Hungarian government so long as they are directly related to the military mission of the government. This volume on semi-official medals will describe medals issued by entities other than the emperor to military or civil officials, by municipalities such as cities and cantons, by military units, by societies such as the Red Cross and the War Help Bureau and by veteran societies. The exception will be the official Red Cross decorations which were issued by the central government and will be addressed in the volume on decorations. Thus the reader can expect to find in this section of this volume a description of semi-official awards issued by persons.





Semi Official Personage Medals
Elisabeth Theresia Military Foundation Decoration
(Dekoration der Elisabeth Theresien Militärstiftung)

Image attributed to Österreichs Orden, vom Mittelalter bis zur Gegenwart, Johann Stolzer & Christian Steeb



Date Issued: Founded by Empress Elisabeth Christiane in 1750. Reestablished by Empress Maria Theresia on November 16, 1771 and in existence until 1923 when the last officer to be a member died. The last award of the badge was on September 16, 1918

Reason Issued: The Decoration was originally awarded to generals and colonels of the imperial army who were selected for these awards based on appreciation of their exemplary services of many years and loyalty to the Austrian ruling family. By a proclamation of the Court War Council from April 25, 1793 (thus under the reign of Emperor Franz II.) it was decided that the decoration would be restricted to only the highest ranking officers with 30 years or more of service, who are not, due to age or physical defect, able to continue in active military service.

Classes or Types: The decoration came in a single type worn by all three classes of recipients.

Interesting Facts:

- When established this decoration ranked as the second highest Austrian military award immediately after Military Maria Theresia Order. As a military award it however assumed an unusual place, since it was connected with a foundation, which limited the number of its members to those persons who were selected by the emperor based on a recommendation of the court war council, and in later years on recommendation of the War Ministry. Thus it was considered a sort of decoration until about 1779.
- The award was created as the result of a request by the widow of Emperor Karl VI, Elizabeth Christine, the daughter of Duke Ludwig Rudolf of Braunschweig Wolfenbuettel, in a letter dated April 1, 1749 to her daughter, the Empress Maria Theresia, asking that she deduct from her estate 8,000 gulden to be used to support "poor generals".
- From 1771 to 1892 there were 21 recipients in one class. After 1892 there were three classes of recipients all of whom wore the same insignia. The classes were differentiated by the size the pension awarded to each
 - ◊ First class received a pension of 853 gulden 70 Kreuzer, later changed to 2000 crowns
 - ◊ Second class received 683 gulden, later changed to 1,600 crowns
 - ◊ Third class received 426 gulden 85 Kreuzer, later changed to 1000 crowns
- The commemoration day of the foundation of the award is November 19, the holiday for St. Elizabeth. The order ceremonies were held in the Augustine church in Vienna in the presence of the knights, the generals and the staff officers of the Viennese garrison.
- Those knights, who were members of the Catholic Church, had to commit themselves to say the Lord's Prayer three times each day and to pray once each day to the Virgin Mary for the order founder and the ruling emperor. Non-Catholics had to donate three Ducats annually as alms to the Viennese invalid house





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Elisabeth Theresia Military Foundation Decoration
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Type IV Badge

Interesting Facts (continued):

- The Empress Maria Theresia contributed 16,000 Gulden in memory of her mother to assure that the decoration would continue
- The Decoration celebration day was November 19
- The decoration of this order was designed to the specifications of Empress Maria Theresia
- On the death of the recipient the badge was reissued to a new member of the society
- The last pension was terminated in 1923 upon the death of the last member of the foundation
- Officers of the Gendarmerie were eligible for the award after 1885
- Landwehr officers were eligible for the award after 1891

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A golden, eight pointed white and red enameled star suspended from a crown.

Obverse: A golden, eight pointed white and red enameled star. The badge is bordered by relatively short star arms which are red and white enameled. In the middle of the star is a golden framed, white enameled oval plaque with a vertical diameter of 23 mm and a horizontal diameter of 18 mm. on this plaque are the letters **E.C.** and **M.T.** (Elizabeth Christina and Maria Theresia) are executed in black. Above the letters is a golden Rudolph style imperial crown. Around the circumference of the center medallion and beginning at the top is an inscription of the order motto in black: **M.THERESIA PARENTIS GRATIAM PERENNEM VOLLVIT.**, which reads in translation as Maria Theresia desired to issue this award as a memorial to her mother. The upper red point of the crosses from the 18th century is flanked on both sides by golden boughs. The top most point has a perpendicular eye for the attachment of a straight ribbon. On the newer foundation crosses these boughs rest directly on the golden edges of the upper enameled point, and the red enameled filled crown is attached directly to the point. The suspension ring to attach the badge to the ribbon is at the top of the crown.

Reverse: The foundation cross is the same on both obverse and reverse

Weight: Unknown

Size: The star with crown is 58 mm in height and 32 mm in width. The star itself is 40 mm in height and 32 mm in width.

Type of Material: Gold and white, red and black enamel





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Mittelalter bis zur Gegenwart, Johann Stolzer
& Christian Steeb



Variations:

- Type I: A golden, eight-rayed white and red enameled star. The badge is bordered by relatively short star arms which are red-white enameled. In the middle of the star is a golden framed, white enameled oval plaque with a vertical diameter of 23 mm and horizontal diameter of 18 mm. On this plaque the letters **E. C** and **M. T.** (Elizabeth Christina and Maria Theresia) are executed in black. Above the letters is a golden imperial crown. Along the circumference of the center medallion and beginning near the letter **M** is an inscription of the order motto in black: **M THERESIA PARENTIS GRATIAM PERENNEM VOLUIT**, which translates as, Maria Theresia desired to issue this award as a memorial her mother. The upper white and red point of the badge is flanked by golden boughs. The top most point has a perpendicular eye for the attachment of a straight ribbon. The crown is separate and is attached to the ribbon
- Type II: As described for Type I except that the upper ray of the star is decorated with stylized leafs instead of a wreath and the crown is smaller and flatter.
- Type III: As described above except on the newer foundation crosses the boughs flanking the upper star point rest directly on the golden edges of the upper enameled point, and the red enamel filled crown is attached directly to the point. The suspension ring is at the vertex of the crown and is smaller. The badge is suspended from a Rupert style crown.



Type III Badge



Type II Badge





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Elisabeth Theresia Military Foundation Decoration
 (Dekoration der Elisabeth Theresien Militärstiftung)



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Type V Badge

Variations continued:

- Type IV: A badge similar to the Type II decoration except the crown is attached to the upper ray of the star and the crown is hollow with a red enameled bonnet, The badge is attached to the ribbon by a ring passing through the orb of the crown.
- Type V. The same as Type IV except the reverse is plain white enamel

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: A total of 362 awards were given from 1771 to 1918. 2 to Generals, 4 to Feldzeugmeisters, 16 to Feldmarschall-Leutnants, 66 to Generalmajores, 274 to Obersts, 66 to titular-Obersts and 1 to a Konteradmiral. After 1885 Gendarmerie officers, and after 1891 Landwehr officers, were eligible for this award. Recipients were selected by the Emperor on the recommendation of the Aulic Council of War

There were originally 20 Awards and later 21 awards at any one time. After 1892 there were:

- 6 first class awards authorized at any one time
- 8 second class awards authorized at any one time
- 7 third class awards authorized at any one time

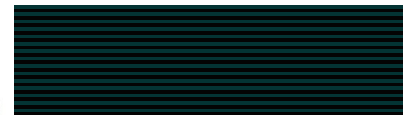
Order of Precedence: Number 30 after the Ecclesiastic Cross, First Class and before the Honor Insignia for the Archduke Albrecht. Although this award was considered at one time akin to an order and later as a sort of decoration, the fact that it was awarded as a sort of honorary pension for good service by destitute officers makes it fall into the Semi Official category.

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: A black, Moiré straight ribbon in the ribbon 18th century and a tri-fold ribbon after

Attachments: In the 18th century the decoration the crown was a separate component attached to the ribbon by a loop on its reverse.

Miniature: None Known





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Elisabeth Theresia Military Foundation Decoration
(Dekoratioon der Elisabeth Theresien Militärstiftung)



Oberst Thomas Edler von Piskor
Wearing the Elisabeth Theresia Foundation Decoration
In 1912





Semi Official Personage Medals
Medal for the Conquest of Belgrade
(Medaille on die Eroberung Belgrads)



Date Issued: 1789

Reason Issued: Given as a commemorative medal to those German soldiers who served under Field Marshal Ernst Gideon Freiherr von Loudin at the conquest of Belgrade

Classes or Types: Two

- Silver Belgrade Medal
- Bronze Belgrade Medal

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A round medal with an attached round eye and a raised rim

Obverse: A bust of Ernst Gideon von Loudin facing to the viewers left and wearing a military tunic. On his tunic is the star and grand cordon of the Order of Maria Theresia. Around the upper portion of the bust is inscribed: **LAUDON K.K. GENERAL . FELD MARSCHAL**

Reverse: A knight in armor on horseback. The horse is rearing on its back legs. A town can be seen below its forefeet. Around the top of the image is the inscription: **DORT.HERR.U.GIDEON LOUDON.**

HIR .U. BELGRAT. FALT. Below the horse is inscribed: **BELGRAD 8 OCT 1789**

Weight: Unknown

Size: 45 mm

Type of Material: Silver and bronze

Variations: None known

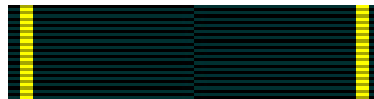
Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: A black ribbon with yellow side stripes



Attachments: None

Miniature: None known



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Semi Official Personage Medals
Maxamilian Franz Military Decoration
(Maxamilian Franz Militar-Ehrenzeichen)

Date Issued: 1796-1801

Reason Issued: Issued by Maxamilian Franz, Archduke of Austria, Prince and Archbishop of Cologne, Bishop of Munster and Hoch und Deutschmeister of the German Knights Order as an award for bravery

Classes or Types: Three

- Gold Military Decoration
- Silver Military Decoration
- Bronze Military Decoration

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A round medal

Obverse: Within Laurel boughs and under a princely crown are the letters P M

Reverse: An allegorical winged victory who is holding a laurel branch in her right hand and in the left pointing at a military trophy of arms. On the reverse is inscribed Das Vaterland Seinen Tapfern Vertheidigern. Translation: The Fatherlands Brave Defender

Size:

- Gold Medal = 45 mm in diameter
- Silver Medal = 38 mm in diameter
- Bronze Medal = 31 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Gold, silver and bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Half red and half white, with the white portion on the right.

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
Honor Cross for the Victory of Field Marshal, Archduke Charles
(Erinnerungskreuze and die Siege des Feldmarschall Erzherzog Karl)



Date Issued: 1799

Reason Issued: These crosses which were issued in 1799 commemorated the successful battle against the French Republican army under the command of Jourdan in March of 1799 at Stockach. In this battle Archduke Charles defeated Jourdan and drove his army back across the Rhine River.

Classes or Types: Variations

- Gold Archduke Charles Cross
- Silver Archduke Charles Cross
- Standard Archduke Charles Cross
- Blue Archduke Charles Cross
- Yellow Archduke Charles Cross

Interesting Facts: Copies of these awards were reissued in 1913. The reason for this is unknown

Hallmarks: None known

Design: The basic design of the Gold and Silver Archduke Charles Crosses is that of a clawed cross with a half-loop shaped attached suspension ring at the top. The other three crosses are in the form of a straight armed cross-Paty or cannon cross with a round flat suspension eye at the top.

Obverse:

- Gold Archduke Charles Cross: A gold clawed cross with a center medallion on which is a multicolored enameled portrait of the Archduke facing forward and slightly to the viewers right. The arms of the cross have a dark enameled cross etched into them. Inside of the enameled cross outline is inscribed in cursive script: **HEIL** on the top arm, **DEM** on the left arm, **RET** on the right arm and **TER** on the lower arm. Translation, Hail to the Saviors (see cross depicted above)





Semi Official Personage Medals
Honor Cross for the Victory of Field Marshal, Archduke Charles
(Errinnerungskreuze and die Siege des Feldmarschall Erzherzog Karl)

Obverse:

- Silver Archduke Charles Cross: A silver clawed cross with a center medallion on which is a thin wreath with a large letter C in its center. The arms of the cross have a dark enameled cross etched into them. Inside of the enameled cross is inscribed in cursive script: **HEIL** on the top arm, **DEM** on the left arm, **RET** on the right arm and **TER** on the lower arm. Translation, Hail to the Saviors



Obverse:

- Standard Archduke Charles Cross: A gold rimmed white enameled cross-Paty with a red enameled oblong center medallion. Superimposed on the red medallion is a green enameled laurel wreath in the center of which is a gold letter C resting on the red center medallion.



- Blue enameled Archduke Charles Cross: same as the standard cross except the arms are blue enamel, the center medallion is white enamel, and the wreath is gold. The arms are inscribed **HEIL** on the top arm, **DEM** on the left arm, **RET** on the right arm and **TER** on the lower arm. Translation, Hail to the Saviors
- Yellow enameled Archduke Charles Cross: Same as the standard cross except the arms are yellow enamel, the center medallion is black enamel. The arms are inscribed in red enamel **HEIL** on the top arm, **DEM** on the left arm, **RET** on the right arm and **TER** on the lower arm. Translation, Hail to the Saviors
- Yellow Archduke Charles Cross (Type II) A yellow enameled cross with the inscription **CARL DEM RET-TER** (Charles the Savior). The center medallion is gold and elliptical and has a black enameled letter C in the center. Around the edge of the medallion is a dark green laurel wreath.





Semi Official Personage Medals
Honor Cross for the Victory of Field Marshal, Archduke Charles
(Erinnerungskreuze and die Siege des Feldmarschall Erzherzog Karl)

Obverse (continued)

- Yellow enameled Archduke Charles Cross (Type III): The same as the standard cross except the arms are yellow enamel, the center medallion is black enamel. The arms are inscribed in gold **HEIL** on the top arm, **DEM** on the left arm, **RET** on the right arm and **TER** on the lower arm. Translation, Hail to the Sav-
iors

Reverse:

- Gold Archduke Charles Cross: plain
- Silver Archduke Charles Cross: a plane silver cross on the arms of which is in-
scribed top **GER**/ left arm **MA**/ right arm **NI**/ bottom arm **ENS**. Translation:
Tautens or Germans. The reverses has a center medallion on which is the date
1799
- Standard Archduke Charles Cross: a plane gold cross with white enameled arms.
On the arms of which is inscribed top **GER**/ left arm **MA**/ right arm **NI**/ bottom
arm **ENS**. Translation: Tautens or Germans. The reverses has a red enameled
center medallion on which is the gilt date **1799**
- Blue enameled Archduke Charles Cross: Same as the standard cross except the
center medallion is white on which is the gilt date **1799**
- Yellow enameled Archduke Charles Cross: Same as the standard cross except
the center medallion is black with gilt date 1799
- Yellow Archduke Charles Cross (Type II): Same as the Gold Archduke Charles
Cross
- Yellow Archduke Charles Cross (Type III): Same as the Gold Archduke Charles
Cross

Weight:

- Gold Archduke Charles Cross: Unknown
- Silver Archduke Charles Cross: Unknown
- Standard Archduke Charles Cross: Unknown
- Blue Archduke Charles Cross: Unknown
- Yellow Archduke Charles Cross: Unknown
- Yellow Archduke Charles Cross (Type II): Unknown

Size:

- Gold Archduke Charles Cross: 36 mm in length and 31 mm wide
- Silver Archduke Charles Cross: 36 mm in length and 31 mm wide
- Standard Archduke Charles Cross: 26 mm in length (with eye) and 24 mm wide
- Blue enameled Archduke Charles Cross: 26 mm in length (with eye) and 24 mm wide
- Yellow enameled Archduke Charles Cross: 26 mm in length (with eye) and 24
mm wide
- Yellow Archduke Charles Cross (Type II): 20 mm in length (with eye) and 18
mm wide

Type of Material: Gold, Silver and enamel

Variations: Numerous

- Type I Cross as described with 1799 on reverse center medallion (See above)
- Type II cross as described above but with a red center medallion and the date
1800 on the reverses.

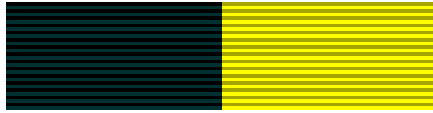


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Honor Cross for the Victory of Field Marshal, Archduke Charles
(Erinnerungskreuze and die Siege des Feldmarschall Erzherzog Karl)



Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown, however given the many types of this cross it is very likely that they were manufactured by several different makers

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Examples have been seen on half black and Half Yellow ribbons and rose-red ribbons with white borders

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
Archduke Carl Medal for the Victory Near Stockach
(Erzherzog Carl Medaille auf den Sieg bei Stockach)



Image courtesy of Dorotheum

Date Issued: 1799

Reason Issued: To reward those who took part in the victory near Stockach

Classes or Types: One, a silver medal

Interesting Facts: Issued by the Archduke Charles Duke of Teschen

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A round medal with an attached flat loop eye

Obverse: Inside a raised rim is the bust of Archduke Charles von Teschen facing to the viewers left, and wearing classic roman helmet with plume. Around the bust is inscribed **CAROLVUS ARCHID AVST**. Below the bust is the name of the medalist: Baldenbach.

Reverse: A plain field with a raised rim around the edge of the medal. On the field is an image of a monument on which an angel stands. The monument is composed of a trophy of arms on a stand with an inscription in three lines. Around the edge of the medal is inscribed **VIRTUTE CONSILIO**

Weight: Unknown

Size: 48 mm in diameter not counting the suspension eye

Type of Material: Silver

Variations: None known

Designer: Peter Baldenbach

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
Parma Merit Medal
(Parma Verdienstmedaille)

Date Issued: 1836

Reason Issued: For meritorious service to the Duchy of Parma

Classes or Types: Two

- Gold Medal
- Silver Medal

Interesting Facts: Issued by the Archduchess Maria Louise von Habsburg

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A round medal with an attached eye

Obverse: The bust of Archduchess Maria Louisa with the inscription: M. LUIG. ARCID. D. AUSTR.DUCH.DIT.PARM.PIAC.E.GUAST. Translation, Maria Louise Archduchess of Austria, Duchess of Parma, Pizzardi and Guastalla

Reverse: A plain field on which is placed a laurel wreath. Within the wreath is inscribed: ALBENEMERITI DEL PRINCIPE E DELLO STATO. Translation, for Merit from the Prince and the State

Weight: Unknown

Size: 23 mm in diameter not counting the suspension eye

Type of Material: Gold and silver

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: A blue ribbon with yellow side stripes

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
Commemoration Medal for the Conquest of Sedona
(Erinnerungsmedaille an die Eroberungs Sidoniens)

Date Issued: 1848

Reason Issued: To commemorate the conquest of the Sidoniens at Saida

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: Issued by the Archduke Friederick Ferdinand von Habsburg

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A round medal with an attached eye

Obverse: The bust of Archduke Friederick Ferdinand

Reverse: A harbor scene with ships

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Silver

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

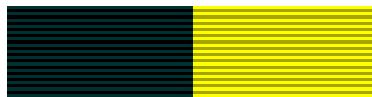
Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: A half black and half yellow ribbon

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
Archduke Rudolf Visit to Bosnia Medal, 1888
(Erzherzog Rudolf Besuch der Bosnien-Medaille, 1888)



Date Issued: 1888

Reason Issued: To commemorate the imperial visit of Archduke Rudolf to Bosnia in 1888

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: Archduke Rudolf died one year later

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A round medal with a raised rim and an attached eye

Obverse: Inside a raised rim is the bust of Archduke Rudolf facing to the viewers right.

Reverse: Inside a raised rim is are laurel boughs following the contour of the medal. Inside the laurel boughs is an inscription in Cyrillic in seven lines the last two of which are curved. The inscription reads in Russian: On the Occasion of the Visit of Archduke Rudolf to Bosnia in 1888.

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: A yellow ribbon with wide black edge strips

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
Commemorative Medal for the Conquest of Belgrade
(Gedenkmedaille on die Eroberung Belgrads)



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Date Issued: 1889

Reason Issued: Issued to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the conquest of Belgrade by Field Marshal Ernst Gideon Freiherr von Loudin.

Classes or Types: Two

- Silver Conquest of Belgrade Commemoration Medal
- Bronze Conquest of Belgrade Commemoration Medal

Interesting Facts: None known

Hallmarks: None known

Design: A round medal with an attached notched loop shaped eye and a raised rim

Obverse: A bust of Ernst Gideon von Loudin facing to the viewers right and wearing a military tunic. Around the upper portion of the bust is inscribed: **GED. LAVDONIVS EXERCITT. AVSTR.SVMMVS.IMP.**

Reverse: A representation of the bombardment of the fortress of Belgrade. Around the top of the image is the inscription: **TAVRVNVM EXPVGNATVM**. Below the image is an inscription in two lines.

Weight: Unknown

Size: 46.5 mm in diameter

Type of Material: Silver and bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: A Ponceu red ribbon

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known



Picture courtesy of Dorotheum





Semi Official Personage Medals
Empress Elisabeth Commemoration Medal
(Gedenkmedaille an die Kaiserin Elisabeth)

Date Issued: 1898

Reason Issued: To commemorate the life and tragic death of the Empress Elizabeth von Habsburg

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Design: A round medal with an attached eye

Obverse: The bust of Empress Elizabeth with the inscription: **ELISABETH KAISERIN VON OESTER-REICH KOENIGIN VON UNGARN**. Translation: Elisabeth Empress of Austrian Queen of Hungary.

Reverse: On a plain field is a cross under a crown of thorns and palm fronds.

Weight: Unknown

Size: 39 mm in diameter not counting the suspension eye

Type of Material: Gilt bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

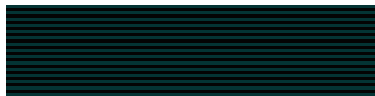
Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Black

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
50th Anniversary Medal of the Reign of Emperor Franz Joseph I
(50. Jahrestagmedaille der Regierungszeit von Kaiser Franz Joseph I.)



Date Issued: 1898

Reason Issued: To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the reign of Emperor Franz Joseph I in 1898.

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: Hallmarks: 925 silver small article hallmark

Design: A diamond shaped medal with a ball shaped attached eye

Obverse: Inside a raised rim at the top of the medal is rays below which is the imperial crown with banderols. Below the crown on three sides of the medal are laurel boughs. On the left corner of the medal is the date **1848** and on the right the date **1898**. In the center of the medal are two oblong medallions within each is the image of the emperor. The one on the viewers left is the image of the young emperor wearing a field marshals uniform and the order of the Order of the Golden Fleece and a grand cross ribbon facing to the viewers right. While the one on the left is the older image of the emperor facing to the viewers left wearing a field marshals uniform and the Order of the Golden Fleece and a grand cross ribbon.

Reverse: Inside a raised rim at the top of the medal is a star surrounded with rays. Inside a raised rim on both sides of the medal is a wreath composed of a laurel on the viewers left and oak on the right, tied at the bottom with a bow. Inside of the of the boughs is an inscription in seven lines. **ZUR / ERINNERUNG / AN DAS 50 JAHR. / REGIERUNGS JUBILAUM / SR MEJISTAT DES / KAISERS UND KÖNIGS / FRANZ JOSEF I.** Translation: Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the reign of his majesty the emperor and king Franz Josef I.

Weight:

Size: 18.2 mm in diameter not counting the suspension eye

Type of Material: 925. silver

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Yellow

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
50th Anniversary Medal of the Reign of Emperor Franz Joseph I
(50. Jahrestagmedaille der Regierungszeit von Kaiser Franz Joseph I.)



Date Issued: 1898

Reason Issued: To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the reign of Emperor Franz Joseph I in 1898.

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known

Design: A round medal with a raised rim and an integral eye

Obverse: Inside a raised rim is a beaded line which follows the contour of the medal. Inside the beaded line is an inscription starting at the 9 o'clock position that follows the contour of the medal. At the 9 o'clock position is a star followed by **ZUM 50 JAHRE REGIERUNGS JUBILAUM** which is followed by another star. At the bottom of the medal between the stars and reading left to right is **2. DECEMBER 1898**. Within the inscription in the center of the medal is the high relief bust of the emperor in a marshal's uniform facing to the viewers right.

Reverse: Inside a raised rim on both sides of the medal is a wreath composed of a laurel on boughs tied at the bottom with a bow. Inside of the wreath is the imperial crown with banderols surrounded by rays. Below the rays are the dates **1848-1898**.

Weight:

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
Franz Joseph 70th Birthday Commemoration Medal
(Franz Joseph 70 Geburtstag Gedenkmedaille)



Date Issued: 1900

Reason Issued: To Commemorate the 70th Birthday of Emperor Franz Joseph I

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A round medal with an attached rectangular eye and a raised rim

Obverse: A high relief bust of the emperor in a marshal's uniform facing to the viewers right. Around the top of the medal is the inscription **FRANZ JOSEPH I KAISER V. OSTERR. ECT.**

Reverse: Inside a raised rim is a wreath, which is composed of oak on the left and laurel on the right. The wreath is tied at the bottom with a knot. Inside the wreath is a stylized plaque on which is inscribed **ZUR ERINNERUNG AN DAS 70. GEBURTSFEST SR. MAJESTÄT D. KAISERS FRANZ JOSEPH I. 1900**. Translation: To commemorate the 70th birthday celebration of his majesty the Emperor Franz Joseph I in 1900. There is a maker's inscription in fine lettering on the bottom of the medal at the 6 o'clock position.

Weight: 20.3 grams

Size: 38 mm in diameter and 3 mm thick

Type of Material: Bronze gilt

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: This medal has been seen on three ribbons. The black and yellow ribbon appears to be official but since the author has not seen definitive proof is reporting all three ribbons

- A 40 mm half black and half Imperial yellow tri-fold ribbon with the yellow on the right
- A 40 mm half red and half white tri-fold ribbon with the red on the right
- A 40 mm solid poppy red ribbon





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(Franz Joseph 70 Geburtstag Gedenkmedaille)



Attachments: None
Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
60 year Jubilee Commemoration Medal
(60 Jubiläums Erinnerungsmedaille)



Date Issued: December 2, 1908

Reason Issued: To commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of Emperor Franz Joseph I reign

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None known.

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A round medal with a dome shaped eye as a part of the medal

Obverse: Inside a raised rim is a stylized frame with the imperial crown of Austria and the Royal Hungarian crown at the top. The Austrian crown is on the left. At the top of the frame but below the crowns are two laurel boughs. Laurel boughs are also found at the bottom of the frames and above the orbs for Austria, which is on the left and that of Hungary, which is on the right. Within the frame on the left side is the bust of the young emperor facing to the viewers right. On the right side of the frame is the bust of the emperor as he appears on the sixtieth anniversary of his reign facing to the viewers left. The two busts are separated by a septum, which divides the frame. Below the orbs are two dates in small rectangular frames. Below the orb for Austria is the date **1848** and below the orb for Hungary is the date **1908**.

Reverse: Inside a raised rim of the medal are two boughs. The one on the left is of laurel and that on the right is of oak. They are tied at the bottom with a bow. Inside the wreath formed by these two boughs is an inscription in eight lines. The inscription reads **ZUR/ ERINNERUNG/ AN DAS 60./ REGIERUNGS-JUBILÄUM/ SR MAJESTÄT/ DES KAISERS/ FRANZ JOSEPH I./ 1848-1908**. Translation: To Commemorate the Sixty Year Reign Jubilee of his Majesty Emperor Franz Joseph I 1848-1908).





Semi Official Personage Medals
60 year Jubilee Commemoration Medal
(60 Jubiläums Erinnerungsmedaille)



Weight: 17.5 grams

Size: 33 mm in diameter and 3 mm thick

Type of Material: Lacquered bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: Unknown

Ribbon: Red

Attachments: None

Miniature: None known





Semi Official Personage Medals
Emperor Jubilee Medal
(Kaiser-Jubilaums Medaille)



Date Issued: 1908

Reason Issued: As a commemorative the sixtieth anniversary of the coronation of Franz Joseph as Emperor of Austria

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None Known

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A round table medal an attached eye

Obverse: A beaded line follows the contour of the edge of the medal . Inside the beaded line is an inscription which starts just to the viewers left of the 6 o'clock position and ends just to the viewers right of the 6 o'clock position. The inscription reads **FRANC. IOS. I.D.G. IMP. AVSTR. REX BOH. GAL. ILL. ETC. ET . AP. REX. HVNG.***. Translation: Franz Joseph with the grace of God Emperor of Austria King of Bohemia, Galicia, Illyria etc. Apostolic King of Hungary). Inside the inscription is a second beaded line that also follows the contour of the medal. Inside the second beaded line is a bust of the Emperor Franz Joseph wearing an Austrian Field Marshals uniform with decorations and the order of the Golden Fleece at his neck. Behind the emperors head are the dates 1848 and 1908 arranged vertically.

Reverse: A beaded line that follows the contour of the edge of the medal. Inside of the beaded line is an oak wreath Inside the wreath is an inscription in 4 lines: **1848/ VIRIBUS/ UNITIS/ 1908**. Translation: 1848 always united 1898.

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Bronze

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: None

Ribbon: Unknown

Attachments: None

Miniature: None





Semi Official Personage Medals
Emperor 1908 Jubilee Commemorative Medal
(Kaiser 1908 Jubiläums Erennerungs Medaille)



Date Issued: 1908

Reason Issued: As a commemorative the sixtieth anniversary of the coronation of Franz Joseph as Emperor of Austria

Classes or Types: One

Interesting Facts: None Known

Hallmarks: None Known

Design: A round medal an attached eye

Obverse: Inside a raised rim is a beaded line which follows the contour of the edge of the medal . Inside the beaded line is an inscription which starts just to the viewers left of the 6 o'clock position and ends just to the viewers right of the 6 o'clock position. The inscription reads **FRANC. IOS. I.D.G. IMP. AVSTR. REX BOH.GAL.ILL.ETC. ET . AP. REX. HVNG.***. Translation: Franz Joseph with the grace of God Emperor of Austria King of Bohemia, Galicia, Illyria etc. Apostolic King of Hungary. Inside the inscription is a second beaded line that also follows the contour of the medal. Inside the second beaded line is a bust of the Emperor Franz Joseph wearing an Austrian Field Marshals uniform with decorations and the order of the Golden Fleece at his neck. Behind the emperors head are the dates **1848** and **1908** arranged vertically.

Reverse: A beaded line that follows the contour of the edge of the medal. Inside of the beaded line is an oak wreath tied at the bottom with a bow. Inside the wreath is an inscription in 4 lines: **1848/ VIRIBUS/ UNITIS/ 1908**. Translation: 1848 always united 1898.

Weight: Unknown

Size: Unknown

Type of Material: Light white metal may be a type of aluminum alloy

Variations: None known

Designer: Unknown

Manufacturer: Unknown

Number Issued: Unknown

Case: None

- **Ribbon:** Half black and half Imperial yellow with the yellow on the right

Attachments: None

Miniature: None

